



**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Local School Board Members Advisory Council
MEETING DATE: MARCH 9, 2020**

ATTENDANCE:

Interim Commissioner of Education Kevin C. Brown
Division Director Meredith Brewer, Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness
Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis, Office of Teaching and Learning
Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney, Office of Finance and Operations
Interim Director of Government Relations Tracy Goff Herman, Office of the Commissioner of Education

SUMMARY:

Agenda Item: Impactky.org and goTeachKY

Presenter: Division Director Meredith Brewer, Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiveness

Summary of Discussion:

Cannot make direct comparisons to TELL due to different wording and topics.

On March 23rd results will be open to the public. Released to school leaders (district name with an appropriate email-ky.schools) prior to the 23rd.

David Cook: Adding names to the "Monday Message" (emails). Need form.

Go Teach KY (Recruitment)-started in August
Goteachky.com

*Initiative started to change the conversations about teaching towards a positive mindset.
Promoting teaching appropriately.

*Social Media campaign (FB, Twitter, Instagram)

#WhyTeachWednesdays (teachers share why they are teachers/inspiring comments)
Job security-teachers are always in demand
Videos from teachers
Increasing engagement with students through social media

12 teacher ambassadors to help recruit teachers (Erin Ball is included)

*Asked to present at schools/events
*Discuss their teaching experiences

Goals of ambassadors:

1. Communicate/inspire students in high school & college to consider teaching as a career.
2. Communicate w/potential and current teachers to capture rewards/opportunities.

Grow-Your-Own

Teachers have students who may become our co-workers/local support

Educators Rising

CTE

Limited start-up cost

Curriculum is available

No certificate needed/5 years and a master's degree can teach it

8 current pathways (teach.com webpage) to enter the classroom rather than returning to school to obtain a bachelor's degree.

Agenda Item: Literacy

Presenter: Commissioner Amanda Ellis, Office of Teaching and Learning

Summary of Discussion:

Day 43 of session

Early Literacy initiative/Read to Achieve Grant

Require completion of FAFSA-pending

Update hospital instruction provisions-Bill 458

Task Force for educator prep programs for early literacy

Preschool programs

158-accountability and grad requirements

Charter provisions

Bill 30-Update bullying reporting

1306 bills are currently pending

SB 156 focus on early literacy

Why? 118,000 students are not proficient readers when they left 3rd grade

Need to get back to the science of reading/how the brain learns to read

HB488 and SB214 currently are focused on literacy and improving early literacy outcomes such as early intervention, reading improvement plan, teacher certification, State Professional Learning Support Strategies, and family & community support.

Mississippi is a contact for early literacy and they have a specific statutes

RTA grant for intervention (15 million dollars/48,000 per school)

- *Not built on "need"
- *Intervention programs are evidenced based, yet not serving all of those who need it.
- *Proposed: Repurposed funding to be equal and have training for faculty for the 5 components of reading.
- *Coaches for the lowest performing schools in the state to provide and help execute plans.
- *Intentional focus on how students are identified.

Kystandards.org has revised standards in one place for easy access.

Summer Reading Program/Summer Feeding Program extending the deadline for an additional week.

Mini Grants could possibly have a second group for signing up in the fall.

Competitive Grants Page on the KDE website.

Agenda Item: Budget Briefing

Presenter: Charlie Harman

Associate Commissioner Robin Kinney, Office of Finance and Operations

Summary of Discussion:

*HB 352 HCS1

SEEK currently funded at \$4,000/pupil, the House increases the per pupil to \$4,061 in FY21, and \$4,112 in FY22.

Salary increases 1% for classified and certified school district staff

Instructional Materials:

*\$5,000,000 each year

*Flexibility to opt out of textbooks if districts would rather spend the funds on other resources

Follow-up Required:

*Additional counselor per district if needed/necessary

*KY Center of School Safety w/Office State School Security Marshall to develop criteria to determine which districts receive funding

*No district can get more than 10 FTE positions

Grants

*Funding not provided for:

*Professional Development Program

*Commonwealth School Improvement Plan

*KTIP

Funding provided for:

ESS, FRYSC, GT, Math Achievement, Preschool, RTA

CTE

Additional funds for Local Area Vocational Education Centers for Boone/Ignite, Hardin, Hopkins, Laurel, Owensboro Ind., Spencer, and Taylor (2-4,000 per school).

Million to unfunded career pathways in existing LAVEC's.

Follow-up Required:

SEEK Funding Work Group

Group to review funding & make recommendations for revisions to the current model.

Due by December 1, 2020.

Volkswagon Settlement:

*Reimburse school districts for the purchase cost of replacing up to 2 busses 2/chassis year of 2001 or earlier.

*If funds remain, a district may apply for reimbursement for the cost of a 3rd school bus.

Questions:

Extended Closures

How will this affect graduation?

*80 districts can use NTI days.

*Non NTI districts will have a waiver to apply for in order to use similar NTI days.

*Possible to excuse some days due to illness, if needed.

*Extending school into June is not always feasible.

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